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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Valentines to everyone, love is in the air, the Saints won the super bowl and snow is melting, so things are

looking up for metal detecting soon.

On behalf of the entire club membership I would like to express our appreciation to Janet Jessop and Jessop family members that were able to attend our January meeting for the Brian Jessop Service Award presentation.

We would like to extend a big Thank You to Mr. Doug Nyholm for his very informative and enthusiastic presentation on Mormon currency.

This months meeting will have our annual club medal design voting, so please bring your best design out for the vote and good luck!

Also this month, in place of a speaker we will be having an exciting **BOURSE NIGHT**. This is an opportunity for club members to bring out their hand held collectables (coins, tokens, jewelry, buttons, bottles, marbles, metal toys, etc.) to sale, buy or trade and have a lot of fun and friendship along the way. Remember that space is limited so please arrive early to get a place and set up your items.

Come on out, bring a friend and have an enjoyable evening. Lets all hope for warmer weather soon and a Gold Coin just around the corner.

See ya at the meeting.
Todd Monson

JANUARY MEETING

By Mike Morey

At the January club meeting, members were privileged to attend a fascinating presentation by Mr. Douglas A. Nyholm, a respected authority on Mormon Currency.

Mr. Nyholm has devoted nearly thirty years toward researching and collecting Mormon Currency and has authored a book on the subject and has written a second that is for release shortly.

Examples of Mormon currency date as far back as 1837 from Kirtland, Ohio. Monroe- Michigan, Nauvoo- Illinois, and Utah or "Deseret" also figure prominently in printing and coinage history.

"Mormon Currency" can in general refer to paper money, notes and scrip, Church and Co-op related tokens, and of course the

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FEBRUARY 25TH

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Location: Columbus

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Escalante Desert Treasure

By Lynn Bernhard

The desert west of Cedar City may hide storied treasure troves, like Brigham's Bees and lost spanish treasure.

But, there is more to this vast area than just legends. Iron County stands at the threshold of the Great Basin to the west, the Grand Staircase to the east, and Utah's Dixie on the south. Long a crossroads and travel corridor, the area has seen prehistoric use by Native Americans as evidenced by the world renowned Parowan Gap. The Old Spanish trail crossed the area, Father Dominguez and his exploring expedition; mountain men like Jedediah Smith, explorers like John C. Fremont, emigrants, miners, and Mormon colonizers all left their trails in the sands of the Escalante Desert.

Fremont and Father Dominguez left detailed accounts of their travels. With a little diligence you can retrace their routes, but since these expeditions traveled light, they left few traces of their visits. Brigham Young sent settlers to the Iron Mission to develop the iron mines west of Cedar City. The site of Cedar City was selected due to its proximity to the ore deposits at Iron Springs, coal deposits in Coal Canyon and abundant water from nearby mountain streams. Irontown, just south of Utah State route 56 east of Cedar City, is now a state park. Ruins of several buildings are surrounded by modern homes.

An entire new chapter of history on the Escalante Desert opened in 1900 when William A. Clark, one of the Butte Copper Kings, announced that he would build a railroad from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City. By 1903 construction of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad had begun. Known as the "Salt Lake Route" an align-

ment was picked that entered Utah east of Panaca, Nevada, and ran northeasterly through the Escalante Desert towards Delta and eventually to Salt Lake City.

Crews working for Davis Eccles' Utah Construction Company occupied a number of construction camps in the desert. Division pints were established at Caliente, Nevada, Modena, Milford, and Lynndyl, Utah. Between Modena and Milford maintenance section locations included Tomas, Heist, Yale, Beryl, Zane, Lund, Kerr, Latimer, Nada, Thermo, Laho, and Upton. The remains of these small settlements still remain, marked by foundations, broken glass and small refuse dumps.

At Lund the Union Pacific Railroad built a branch line to Cedar City to tap the iron deposits at Iron Springs for a new steel mill build at Columbia, Utah. Lund in nearly deserted to, it's once bustling depot demolished and buildings decaying in the harsh Escalante Desert climate. A county road from Cedar City is the easiest access today.

Modena is located on State Route 56 forty-eight miles west of Cedar City. It is deserted except for two hardy families who make this their home. Several deserted stores front on the railroad tracks where trains no longer stop. The B.J. Lund Store and Hotel is boarded up, but its' board sidewalk speaks of better times. The roundhouse and railroad facilities were located just east of town. Foundations, bricks, broken glass and pieces of scrap metal cover the ground, marking a once bustling division point. A beautiful stone station stands in mute testimony of the importance of Modena as the center of activity in the Escalante Desert..



NUTS MEDAL DESIGN VOTING WILL BE HELD THIS MONTH

Please bring your designs for the 2010 club medal. There is no specific theme required for the medal. Photographs may be used for a design as well as artwork. **Remember permission must be obtained to use copy written material.**

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Johnny Gallegos, Webmaster



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 25TH - N.U.T.S. MONTHLY MEETING Location: 2531 South 400 East Time: 7:00 PM

MARCH 6th – 7th – Big Spring, Texas. The Big Spring Prospector's Club will hold its 41st Annual Gem & Mineral Show at the Howard County Fair Barn. Sat. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sun 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Dealers, demonstrators, food, hook-ups, parking. Something for everyone! For more information, contact Show Chairman Jerald Wilson at 707 Tulane, Big Spring, TX 79720, phone (432) 263-4662 or (432) 263-3340.

MARCH 13th – 14th – Longview, Texas. Texas Treasure Show 2010 and open hunt presented by the Texas Council of Treasure Clubs. This is the largest treasure show in the USA! For registration information, see <http://www.texascouncil.net> and click on Special Event or Member Events.

MARCH 27th – 28th – Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. The Greenbush Prospectors, Inc, of Greenbush Wisconsin, is sponsoring their Second Annual Gold and Treasure Show, Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Sheboygan Falls Municipal Building, 375 Buffalo St. There will be guest speakers, demonstrations, raffles and vendors. In addition, the Wisconsin State Gold Panning Competition will be held Saturday. Children's Treasure Hunt both days, plus other special children's programs. For more info, contact Mike Ogea at ogeagold@charter.net or (920) 467-3728, or Ron Smith at ausmith2005@yahoo.com or (920) 207-4092. You can also log onto the club's website at www.wisgold.org

January Meeting



Todd Monson, Jen Phillips



Johnny Gallegos, Vicky Staker,
Bob Koniar, Kyle Carson



? Phillips, Alan Staker, Ron
Gerard, Vicky Staker, Marlyn
Wilson



Eldon Farnsworth, James
Staker, Todd Monson



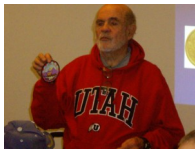
Payton, Ty, Jen &
Hunter Phillips



Jeremy Swain & Todd Monson . Jer-
emy was the winner of the Prompt-
ness Prize and the Gold



Lee Cheves, Anthony Bos



Phil Lavorgna



James Staker



Don Swain, David Vance,
Jeremy Swain



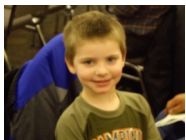
Brian Jessop, Jr. (& son),
Anthony Bos, Todd Monson



Mel Milgrom, Boyd &
Connie Pickering



Johnny Player with
the monthly display



Clay Riggs



Kathy Staker, Vicky Staker



Riley Graves, Johnny
Player, Ralph & Julie Gold

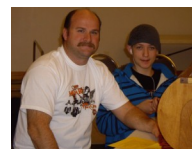
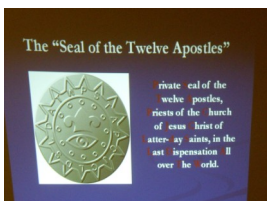


Jacob, Craig, Riley &
Joshua LEWIS



Heidi & Tiana Lewis,
Janet Jessop, Celesta
Lewis

Our Speaker



James Staker & Kyle Carson

In Memory Of



Brian Jessop Service Award



This award was created by a unanimous vote from the 2009 National Utah Token Society (N.U.T.S.) Club officers in honor and remembrance of Brian Dale Jessop.

This annual award will be presented to one individual NUTS Club member selected by the acting club president. Someone that shows exemplary commitment, service and dedication to the NUTS Club just as Brian did.

*Todd S. Monson
NUTS Club President
2009-2010*

JANUARY MEETING

famous Mormon gold coins.

This currency is rare, highly collectible, and sought after by Mormon and Non-Mormon collectors alike. Some interesting facts include:

- Mormon currency is the longest running of all “private money” with a span of 1837-1937.
- The \$20 gold piece was the first coined in the United States in this denomination.
- The motto “Holiness to the Lord” predates “In God we Trust”.

Prominent leaders in Church history signatures can be found on National Bank Notes from Salt Lake City.

As collectors and detectorists there are opportunities to encounter some of these rare items. Old desks, books, and family collections occasionally hide examples of paper currency. Although the chances of finding that rare \$10 gold under your coil are remote, tokens and even an 1898 brass re-strike featuring the reverse of the 1860 ten dollar gold are out there!

Orders for Mr. Nyholm’s new book are currently being taken. His email address is:

douglas.nyholm@comcast.net



2010 N.U.T.S. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION NATIONAL UTAH TOKEN SOCIETY

2010 Meetings are on the 4th Thursday of the Month.
With August, November and December to be determined.

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THE LINCOLN CENT

By James Staker

The Lincoln cent has been minted since 1909, and is the first cent to have "In God We Trust" on it. It has turned into an American classic.

This coin was issued to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of President Lincoln's birthday. It features the longest continuous use of the same basic front design of any United State's coin in history.

The designer's name is Victor David Brenner. His design features Lincoln's profile. It originally had his initials between the wheat ears on the rear of the first design (known as the "wheat back penny") from 1910 thru 1918. They removed his initials, and now are below the profile of Lincoln on the front of the penny.

In World War II the United States needed copper for the war effort and in 1943 they made the penny out of Zinc "also known as the steal penny." In 1944 through 1946 they used salvaged shell cases to make the penny and this gave them a slightly different color.

In 1959, on Lincoln's 150th birthday anniversary, the reverse of the cent was changed and the Lincoln Memorial took the place of the wheat back cent design. The cent is made

out of almost pure copper. In 1974 the United States tried to make the cent out of Aluminum, producing 1½ million cents. However, they were never released into circulation and soon were melted down. Only a few were preserved, which are on display at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC. The price of copper made the cent worth more in copper than face value and they started making the cent out of zinc with copper sandwiched and that is how it continues today.

In 2009 the reverse of the cent had four different designs to commemorate Lincoln's life.



The first is Lincoln's birth in Kentucky.



The second is his formative years in Indiana.



The third is his professional life in Illinois.

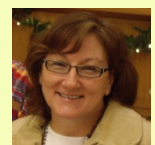


The forth is the presidency in Washington DC. These four cents are very collectable and you will not see very many cents in circulation today.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Several months ago in an editorial I asked members for more contributions. Several members have responded. This month James Stakes and Lynn Bernhard have helped me out. I forgot to give credit for a couple of items in the January newsletter. The 3D art was submitted by Todd Monson. The Half-Sized quiz was submitted by Ramona Magpie. Ralph Gold submitted the great article and personal letter about the "Diamond in the Rough." He was a member of the team that found and returned the ring.

In the December editorial I made a mistake to see if anyone would catch it. No one said a thing to me. I even asked for corrections from the members.

I am asking again. Please submit something "G" rated for the newsletter. If I don't have submissions I have to search for things and they might not be of interest to anyone else. This newsletter is only as good as "you", the members, make it.



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For you to color

Three Sisters of Agriculture

Native American \$1 Coins

The Program

Ever since the Golden Dollar was first made in 2000, an eagle has soared on the back of the coin. Now, thanks to the Native American \$1 Coin Program, there will be a new design there every year!

Produced hand-in-hand with the Presidential \$1 Coins, the Native American \$1 Coins will continue for a number of years not yet specified. The designs will honor Native Americans and their contributions to the growth of the United States. The image of Sacagawea, the Shoshone who helped Lewis and Clark on their historic voyage of exploration, will remain on the front during the program.

On the back, a different image will appear each year to highlight Native Americans and their contributions. These coins will use the same standard inscriptions, edge lettering, and metal content as the Presidential \$1 Coins.



2009: Three Sisters of Agriculture

Agriculture has always been important in Native American cultures. Without Native American fruits, nuts, and vegetables, the first groups of European colonists probably could not have survived. Both through trade and by directly sharing information, American Indians helped provide the food that the early colonists needed. What's more, vegetables native to the New World were soon brought to Europe and became common there.

Native Americans practiced gardening techniques that are still part of agriculture today, such as rotating crops, cross-breeding plants, developing watering methods, and companion planting. Three Sisters agriculture is a good example of companion planting, where more than one type of plant is grown in an area. In Three Sisters agriculture, three particular crops are grown together: corn, beans, and squash. This technique probably began in Mexico, where maize was developed as corn.

In this planting relationship, the corn stalks support the bean vines. The beans add nitrogen to the soil, which feeds the corn. Squash vines grow along the ground, with large leaves that shade the ground, keeping it from drying out and discouraging the growth of weeds, which would steal nutrients from all the plants.

Loan Arithmetic

Little Johnny was being questioned by the teacher during an arithmetic lesson.

'If you had ten dollars,' said the teacher, 'and I asked you for a loan of eight dollars, how much would you have left?'

'Ten,' said Little Johnny firmly.

'Ten?' the teacher said 'How do you make it ten?'

'Well,' replied Little Johnny 'You may ask for a loan of eight dollars, but that doesn't mean you'll get it!'

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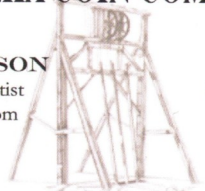
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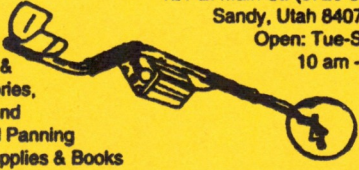
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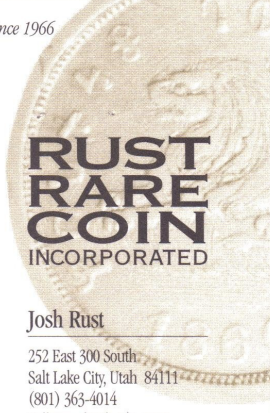


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